Connecting of Ludhiana/Rajpura with Chandigarh

2961. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of the long standing demand of Punjab Government for connecting Ludhiana/Rajpura with Chandigarh by rail; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this long delay is causing great inconvenience and frustration to the people of Punjab whose just demand is being unduly delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Survey for Chandigarh-Rajpura (a station on Ambala-Ludhiana line) new railway line is in progress. Report is expected by the end of 1993-94. Further action would depend upon results of the survey and availability of resources.

Identification of Sites for construction of over-bridges in Punjab

2962. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct railway over-bridges in the State of Punjab in the near future;

(b) if so, whether the sites for construction of bridges has been identified; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Construction of road over bridges at following locations are sanctioned:

1. At Patiala over level crossing No.17 at Km 25/8-9.

2. In replacement of old ROB at Dhilwan at Km. 463/8.

3. At Phagwara on G.T. Road at Km. 1/8-9 on Phagwara-New Shahar.

Cancellation of Trains in Punjab

2963. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains which were cancelled/rescheduled in Punjab during terrorist-created disturbed conditions with the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for which these trains have not restarted or put on their original schedule timing as normalcy has been restored in Punjab and there is no justification for prolonging the cancellation or change in timings; and

(c) by when the trains are being restarted with original timings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A Total of 73 trains continue to remain cancelled/rescheduled due to law and order problem in Punjab as per the